

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 23, 2004. In the present Amendment, Claims 3-5 and 9-11 are amended, Claims 1-2, 6-8 and 13-18 are cancelled, and Claims 13-18 are added. Claims 3-5, 9-12 and 19-32 are now pending.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

In paragraph 1 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the figures for being labeled incorrectly. The Examiner has objected to the labeling of the sheets as showing only 9 total sheets, although there are 10 figures. However, Figures 6 and 7 are on a single sheet, and thus there are a total of 9 sheets. Thus, the sheets correctly show the total number of sheets, per the requirement of 37 CFR 1.84(t). Applicants therefore respectfully traverse this objection, and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

ABSTRACT OBJECTION

In paragraph 3 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the abstract as being inadequately descriptive. Applicants respectfully traverse this objection. However, in an effort to promote prosecution of the present application, the abstract has been amended to remove inappropriate element numbers, and to include an additional description sentence. Applicants now respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

In paragraph 5 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 10-13, 15 and 17-18 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kapp et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,949,348 – “*Kapp*”). In paragraph 6 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 8-9 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kapp* in view of *Hosoi et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,251,096 – “*Hosoi*”). In paragraph 7 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 5-7, 14, 16 and 18 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kapp* in view of *Cairns* (U.S. Patent No. 5,161,190 – “*Cairns*”). These rejections are respectfully traversed, and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Kapp teaches a method and system for displaying a keypad on a touch screen in a jumbled manner, so that a user can enter a PIN number such that a "shoulder surfer" cannot surreptitiously watch the user's finger movements to surmise the PIN number entered (*Kapp* Abstract).

Hosoi teaches a standard laptop computer having a screen that folds face down against a keyboard when closed (*Hosoi* Figures 1-2).

Cairns teaches generation of an encrypted (nonsensical) display using standard 7-segment LEDs (*Cairns* col. 4, lines 29-33).

With reference to exemplary Claim 19, the cited prior art does not teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, determining which language-dependent mechanical keyboard layout is used in a computer by keying in a language specific character (e.g., "Z"), and then displaying the same keyboard layout on a touch screen. That is, the "Z" character is in a different location for French, English and German keyboards. By prompting the user to press the "Z" key on the mechanical keyboard, then the computer knows which mechanical keyboard has been installed on the computer, even before running the BIOS that would ordinarily identify the type of mechanical keyboard.

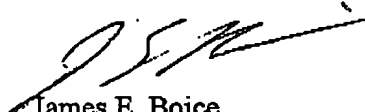
Thus, the cited prior art does not teach or suggest "identifying a keyboard location for a specific key" that is "unique to a language dependent keyboard; prompting a user to press the specific key on a mechanical keyboard associated with a computer; in response to the specific key being pressed, identifying a particular language dependent keyboard according to the keyboard location of the specific key; and displaying the language dependent keyboard on a touch screen associated with the computer."

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

A one month extension of time is hereby requested for this responsive amendment. Therefore, Applications request that \$110.00 be charged to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 50-0563** to cover the fee for this extension. In addition, please charge any fee associated with any other extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 50-0563**.

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